(b) No definite answer can be given as their number has not been verified from time to time.

(c) No such survey has been made beyond that done along with the recent census operations.

(d) A leprosy survey of the State is under consideration

(e) About Rs. 200 for the village of Kunnamkulam.

Road in Kunnamkulam.

14. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform what steps have been taken by the Government to utilise the amount of Rs. 2,000 provided in the current year's budget for opening a road on the western side of southern bazaar and to finish the work before the end of the year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The place has been inspected by the Chief Medical Officer in charge; the alignment of the road to be constructed has been fixed and the Council Member for Kunnamkulam has been asked to use his influence for the surrender of land free of cost. Steps are being taken for the acquisition of other plots which have to be acquired under the Land Acquisition Regulation.

Nadupanthy.

15. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether effective steps have been taken by the Government to utilise fully the amount of Rs. 5,000 provided in the budget for 1109 for widening the Nadupanthy road in Kunnamkulam before the close of the year; and if so, what are the steps taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. Arrangements are being made for the acquisition of sites necessary for widening the place where the four roads meet.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government will expedite this matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr K. T. Mathew.—What steps are taken by the Government to expedite the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think a report is due as to the exact site that has to be acquired. There was a proposal to acquire a portion of the house. That question is still under correspondence.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know the name of the head of the department from whom the Government is expecting a report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think it is from the Diwan Peishkar and the Chief Engineer. The Diwan Peishkar has already submitted his report. We expect a report from the Chief Engineer.

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